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SUBJECT:PORTUGUESE ISSUES AT THE 29TH UNGA

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1. U.S. PREPARED MAKE DEMARCHE IN SELECTED CAPITALS AS
ASKED BY SIMAO.

2. AS EMBASSY WILL HAVE NOTED WE INCLUDED ISSUE OF
PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES IN GENERAL WAY IN PARA. 9 OF
DEPARTMENT'S PRE-UNGA GUIDANCE TO POSTS (DEPTEL 184584)

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AND HAVE HAD REPORTS OF DISCUSSIONS BY OUR EMBASSIES OF

THIS SUBJECT. WHILE MOST REFLECT COMPREHENSION OF PORTUGUESE EFFORTS, TANZANIANS MADE CLEAR THEIR INTENTION TO CONTINUE TO KEEP PRESSURE ON GOP IN UN FORA.

3. WHILE WILLING TO INSTRUCT SELECTED POSTS TO RETURN TO DISCUSSION AT HIGHER LEVEL TO MAKE STRONGER BID FOR COMPREHENSION OF PORTUGUESE EFFORT, DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO KNOW (1) WHAT CAPITALS ARE CONSIDERED OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE; (2) WHAT ARE INSTRUCTIONS TO PORTUGUESE EMBASSIES IN THESE CAPITALS OR TO PORTUGUESE PERMREP IN CONTACIING PERMREPS OF COUNTRIES; (3) WHAT POINTS IN PARTICULAR WOULD PORTUGUESE WANT US TO MAKE; (4) WOULD INSTRUCTION DESCRIBED IN SUBSEQUENT PARA. 4 BE SUITABLE AND ACCURATE.

4. "ADDRESSEE POSTS WILL BE RECEIVING TELEGRAMS DESCRIBING PORTUGUESE ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING GUINEA BISSAU ON AUGUST - AND MOZAMBIQUE ON SEPTEMBER 6. THESE TWO STATEMENTS PLUS CLEAR EVIDENCE OF PORTUGUESE EFFORTS TO FIND VALID INTERLOCUTOR IN ANGOLA PROVIDE FIRM PROOF THAT GOP SERIOUSLY PURSUING ITS COMMITMENT TO MOVE AFRICAN TERRITORIES TOWARD SELF-DETERMINATION. POSTS SHOULD, IN ADDITION TO PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS FIND OPPORTUNITY, PERHAPS AT HIGHER LEVEL IF APPROPRIATE, TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES NOTING GOP'S FORWARD MOVEMENT AS DESCRIBED IN REFTELS AND URGING THAT RESTRAINT AND ENCOURAGEMENT WOULD BE AT THIS TIME THE MOST HELPFUL POSTURE WHICH MOST GOVERNMENTS COULD TAKE. FURTHER PRESSURE IN U.N. FORA OR ELSEWHERE WOULD ONLY SERVE TO MAKE MORE DIFFICULT GOP'S CURRENT DELICATE EFFORTS WHICH ARE NOT WITHOUT SOME INTERNAL DEBATE AND QUESTIONING IN PORTUGAL."

5. IN DISCUSSING KEY CAPITALS TO APPROACH, PORTUGUESE VIEWS SHOULD BE SOLICITED FIRST. HOWEVER, AS DISCUSSION DEVELOPS, EMBASSY MAY NOTE THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PORTUGAL MAKE ITS OWN VIEWS KNOWN IN APPROPRIATE MANNER TO TANZANIA, ZAIRE,ZAMBIA, SENEGAL, AND PERHAPS CONGO. U.S. WOULD BE WILLING FOLLOW UP SUCH EFFORTS AND WOULD ALSO REVIEW ISSUE WITH ETHIOPIA, KENYA, NIGERIA, GHANA, CONFIDENTIAL

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CAMEROON, LIBERIA, AND IVORY COAST USING SEPTEMBER 6 DECLARATION ON MOZAMBIQUE AS A PEG FOR RETURNING TO THIS ISSUE IN CAPITALS IN WHICH WE HAVE ALREADY HELD PRE-UNGA EXCHANGES.

6. WITH REGARD TO ENCOURAGING WIDER WESTERN SUPPORT AT UNGA, PORTUGUESE REPRESENTATIVE AT SEPTEMBER 9 PRE-UNGA EXCHANGES IN NAC IN BRUSSELS WILL PRESUMABLY TAKE LEAD.

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